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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: VISIT OF ARGENTINE PARLIAMENTARIANS

1. SUMMARY. AFTER UNPUBLICIZED VISIT TO CHILE, ARGENTINE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP MAKES STATEMENTS ABOUT ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, HUNGER AND RESISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS SEEN UPI DISPATCH DATED JUNE 24, REPORTING AEROPARQUE PRESS CONFERENCE OF GROUP OF ARGENTINE PARLIAMENTARIANS ON RETURN FROM CHILE. ACCORDING TO STORY, THEY DECLARED THAT IN CHILE "HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED, THERE WILL SOON BE HUNGER AND THE RESISTANCE HAS STARTED TO ARISE." CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAD OFFERED NO COOPERATION TO GROUP, THEY REPORTEDLY SAID. PARLIAMENTARIANS REPORTED AS CITING CARDINAL SILVA BY NAME AS SOURCE IN SPEAKING OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. DISPATCH USED ONLY BY EL MERCURIO JUNE 26, ALTHOUGH PDC'S RADIO BALMACEDA NEWSCAST MORNING JUNE 25 DID STATE SIMPLY THAT AN ARGENTINA PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HAD BEEN HERE AND RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES.

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3. FON MINISTRY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT GROUP IN OPPOSITION TO PERON REGIME, REQUESTED INTERVIEWS WITH HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOC AND CAME TO CHILE WITH LESS THAN 24 HOURS NOTICE, AND THAT INTERVIEW REQUESTS REFUSED DUE THEIR PEREMPTORY NATURE. JUNTA PRESS SPOKESMAN TOLD PAO PRIVIATELY THAT VISIT INSTIGATED BY LEFT WINGERS OF CHILEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) AND THAT GROUP MADE UP OF SUPPORTERS OF BALBIN.

4. CARDINAL'S SECRETARY ISSUED STATEMENT PUBLISHED JUNE 26, STATING CARDINAL "EXCHANGED WITH THEM SOME IDEAS REGARDING BISHOPS' PASTORAL (SANTIAGO 2212 NOTAL), EXPRESSING HOPE THAT ALL SECTORS OF CITIZENRY WILL HEED THE CALL TO PARDON, RECONCILIATION AND PEACE."

5. WIRE SERVICE STORY IDENTIFIES VISITORS AS SENATORS HIPOLITO SOLARI YRIGOYEN AND FRANCISCO FERRO AND DEPUTIES ADOLFO GASS, RICARDO CATALE, MARIO ABEL AMAYA, JORGE OMAR AND JESUS MIRA. POPPER

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